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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Curtailment of BBC Monitoring Coverage

1. In accordance with instructions received in your memorandum of 18 April, there is attached a proposed letter for your signature to Sir Roger Makins. There is also attached a copy of a cable from our London Field Bureau containing suggestions by Mr. J. B. Clark, Director of External Broadcasting, BBC; Mr. E. Tangye Lean, Assistant Director of External Broadcasting, BBC; and Mr. John T. Campbell, Head of BBC Monitoring Service, as to material which might be included in this letter. As Mr. Lean had discussed this subject with Sir Roger Makins, we deemed it advisable to consult him.

2. It is recommended that:

a. You sign the attached letter and forward it to Sir Roger Makins.

b. An information copy be furnished to the Department of State and to the CIA Senior Representative, London.

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Assistant Director for Operations

2 Enclosures
1 - Proposed Letter to Sir Roger Makins
2 - Cable, IB-37352

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Although our reply must inevitably be that the coverage will be made good by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, this will mean an unfortunate and actually unnecessary United States expansion into a sphere hitherto regarded as British. These reductions are as unacceptable to us, and to the United States Government, as they must be to you and to your Government, as being detrimental to the general interest of the United Kingdom. I therefore wish to register my concern at the suggestion that we extend our present activities far beyond their existing satisfactory basis, and that we continue to exchange our growing coverage for the rapidly dwindling B.B.C. returns.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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